

IN HONOR OF THE REVEREND JAY  
SCRIBNER

## HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 18, 2005*

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Jay Scribner, who distinguished himself by his 28 years of service and commitment to the people of Southwest Missouri.

After receiving his Master of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1977, Reverend Scribner began his service at the First Baptist Church in Branson, Missouri. This year, Jay and his wife Kay leave a much larger church at a different location and with an outreach around the world after 28 years of dedicated service.

During this time, Reverend Scribner has acted as a Guest Chaplain for this body, participated in the Presidential Prayer Breakfast, and was honored with an Honorary Doctorate of Theology.

Pastor Scribner has not only touched lives in Southwest Missouri, but has also served as President of the Missouri Baptist Convention and has been a leader in religious broadcasting and Christian education. His work has taken both he and his ministry to places such as Israel, Jordan, Egypt, Australia, Taiwan, and Iraq.

The contributions of Reverend Jay Scribner during his years of service have impacted thousands of people in Southwest Missouri and throughout the world.

WELCOMING FORMER TAIWANESE  
PRESIDENT LEE TENG-HUI TO  
WASHINGTON, DC

## HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 18, 2005*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome former Taiwanese President Lee Teng-Hui to Washington, DC this week.

President Lee was born on January 15, 1923, in Sanchih, a rural community on the outskirts of Taipei. After graduating from Taipei High School, he was admitted into Kyoto Imperial University in Japan. After World War II, he returned home to continue his studies at National Taiwan University (NTU), majoring in agricultural economics.

After being elected vice president in 1984, he helped engineer various political and economic reforms. On the sudden death of President Chiang Ching-kuo on January 13, 1988, Dr. Lee became President and completed the remainder of Chiang's. During his 2 years in office he greatly impressed the people of Taiwan with his able leadership. And, on March 21, 1990, Dr. Lee was elected in his own right by the National Assembly as president of Taiwan.

President Lee Teng-hui can rightfully be called the founding father of Taiwan's democratic system. "The George Washington of Taiwan."

At the age of 82 today, he still seeks to learn and educate himself about our American democracy. He visited the National Archives to see the Constitution and the U.S. Declaration

of Independence. He received a tour at the Jefferson Memorial; no doubt prompted by the fact that he himself stood at the cradle of democracy in Taiwan.

Mr. Speaker: We have an opportunity to meet with President Lee in person this Wednesday afternoon. I urge all my colleagues to participate in this historic occasion and join me in welcoming President Lee to Washington, DC.

We need more friends like President Lee. Yes, we need more friends like Taiwan.

I hope that soon all restrictions on high-level visits from Taiwan will be lifted including the President, the vice-President, the foreign minister and the defense minister. So that a balanced understanding of both sides of the Taiwan Strait will be directly available to Congress, the Administration and the American public.

After President Lee's visit, I look forward to welcoming Taiwan's current President—Mr. Chen Shui-bian—to Washington, DC as well. Sooner rather than later.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE  
MEADOWLANDS HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER

## HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, October 18, 2005*

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Meadowlands Hospital Medical Center in Secaucus, New Jersey. I take great pride in knowing that my constituents have access to some of the best hospitals and health care in the country. I am delighted to announce that the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Health Care Organizations has recently inspected the Meadowlands Hospital and found it to be in superb condition and in need of no improvements. This is an incredible accomplishment in the current age of medicine. This great achievement gives validation to what we in Northern New Jersey have always known—that the Meadowlands Hospital is in the top tier of hospitals nationally.

The Meadowlands Hospital has also received a "Five Star" rating for its Obstetrical Services from Health Grades, an independent agency that rates the quality of programs in hospitals around the country. Health Grades shows that the obstetrical services at the Meadowlands Hospital ranks in the top 5 percent of programs nationally, when it comes to positive outcomes and lower complication rates. In addition, the hospital's acute inpatient rehabilitation unit, the Liberty Rehabilitation Institute, is rated among the highest in patient satisfaction in the Northeast, based on surveys of its patients performed by Press Ganey, Inc.

The Meadowlands Hospital will soon be celebrating its 30th anniversary. I'm sure that all of my constituents will join me in recognizing the great services that the hospital provides to our community and congratulating them on their recent accomplishments. We all look forward to celebrating their third decade of service and working to expand the hospital so it can continue providing superior health care to Secaucus and all of Northern New Jersey.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES THAT CENTERS  
FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES BE COMMENDED  
FOR IMPLEMENTING MEDICARE  
DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

SPEECH OF

## HON. JOE BARTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, October 6, 2005*

Mr. BARTON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Chairman THOMAS, requested that the attached exchange of letters be submitted during the floor debate on H. Res. 261.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE,  
Washington, DC, Oct. 17, 2005.

The Hon. BILL THOMAS,  
Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you for your letter in regards to H. Res. 261, a resolution "[e]xpressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services should be commended for implementing the Medicare demonstration project to assess the quality of care of cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy, and should extend the project, at least through 2006, subject to any appropriate modifications."

As the Committee on Ways and Means was named as an additional Committee of jurisdiction upon the resolution's introduction, I acknowledge and appreciate your willingness to not exercise your full referral on the resolution. In doing so, I agree that your decision to forgo further action on the resolution will not prejudice the Committee on Ways and Means with respect to its jurisdictional prerogatives on this legislation or similar legislation.

I look forward to working with you on this resolution.

Sincerely,

JOE BARTON,  
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS,  
Washington, DC, Oct. 11, 2005.

The Hon. JOE BARTON,  
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN BARTON: I am writing concerning H. Res. 261, a resolution "[e]xpressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services should be commended for implementing the Medicare demonstration project to assess the quality of care of cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy, and should extend the project, at least through 2006, subject to any appropriate modifications," which was ordered reported by the Committee on Energy and Commerce on Wednesday, July 20, 2005.

As you know, the Committee on Ways and Means has jurisdiction over matters concerning Medicare. This resolution calls for the extension of the Medicare demonstration project to assess the quality of care for patients undergoing chemotherapy, and thus falls within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Ways and Means. However, in order to expedite this legislation for floor consideration, the Committee will forgo action on this resolution. This is being done with the understanding that it does not in any way prejudice the Committee with respect to the appointment of conferees or its jurisdictional prerogatives on this or similar legislation.